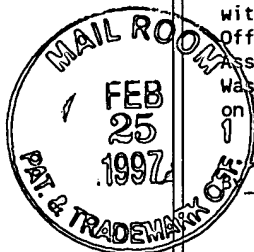


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In re application of:)

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) Art Unit: 3308

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Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action, dated August 26, 1996 for two additional months, from December 26, 1996 to February 26, 1997. Applicant previously paid for a one month extension of time on December 11, 1996. An appropriate response to the Office Action in the form of a File Wrapper Continuation is enclosed herewith.

Please charge \$410.00, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17, to the Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above Deposit Account. This Petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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